Sl. No.	States Providing Primary Classes (I-V)	Free Textbooks Upper Primary Classes (I-VIII)	Remarks
13.	Maharashtra	—	All (I-IV) in 103 EB Blocks and (I-VIII) for BC
14.	Orissa	—	SC/ST
15.	—	Punjab	SC/ST Girls
16.	—	Rajasthan	All upto (I-V) & Girls (I-VIII)
17.	—	Sikkim	All studens
18.	—	Tamil Nadu	Poor students
19.	West Bengal	—	All students
20.	A&N Islands	—	For tribal students
21.	—	D&N Haveli	SC/ST/LIG students
22.	—	Daman & Diu	All students
23.	Delhi	—	On the basis of parental income upto Rs. 750/- p.m.
24.	—	Lakshadweep	All students
25.	—	Pondicherry	Poor students

Abbreviations

SC	:	Scheduled Caste
ST	:	Scheduled Tribe
OBC	:	Other Backward Class
EBC	:	Economically Backward Class
BC	:	Backward Class
EBB	:	Educationally Backward Blocks
LIG	:	Lowet Income Group

Recommendations of Shukla Committee

1937. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shukla Committee set up by the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) has recommended higher pay an better service conditions for the teachers of technical institutions;

(b) if so, how many people will be benefited if the report is implemented; and

(c) the action taken by the Ministry to implement the said report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) AICTE has not yet approached the Government of India in the matter of Shukla Committee Report.

Popularity of open School

1938. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the open schools are getting popular day-by-day;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up State open schools in various States; and

(c) if so, the details of the plan of Government in this regard for the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The continuous rising trend of enrolment of students and the network of Accredited Institutions (AIs) of the National Open